

*Dear host family,*

*My name is Sara, but everyone usually calls me Sam – it's my nickname, I think it's nice and suits me better, so please feel to call me by that name too if you want!*

*What about my family?*

*My father, Daniele, is a Biologist; my mother, Cinzia, is the employer of their company; I have an older sister, Andrea, who studies psychology and I also have two cats, Shiro and Nami.*

*I get on quite well with my sister, we have a few interest in common so it is fun to talk with her. We all live in a neighborhood called Trigatoria, in Rome.*

*It's not particularly well connected but I like living here because it is a very quiet place at all times and it has a lot of green all around.*

*I attend an Art High School in Rome and I chose the metal design career, as this is what I would like my job to be some day.*

*I don't particularly like studying theoretical subjects, my favorite subjects are definitely the practical ones: I adore drawing all the ideas I have and then turning them into actual objects. I also enjoy more humanistic subjects like Philosophy and English.*

*I really love languages even if I don't know where this love comes from really, it's a passion I've discovered recently and suddenly: one day English just spawned into my head and I suddenly wanted to learn more.*

*Sports are not my cup of tea but I'm really into all types of arts, I love especially 3D modeling. Creating art just brings me so much joy and seeing the passion that people put into art is something that always amazed me.*

*I usually spend my time drawing or preparing things for a TTRPG campaign – which is a sort of board game where players create the story together. This is also another passion of mine but this letter would be too long if I added them all! 😊*

*Music is another type of art I really enjoy. I know how to play the guitar and a little bit of piano too, even though I'm not really that good. When listening or playing music I don't really have a favorite genre of music, I just try and listen to everything and if I like it, it ends in one of my playlists.*

*I also like to go out with my friends, when we have some free time. I have two best friends: Elisa and Victoria. We know each other since the start of high School, but it feels like we have been friends for far longer. I always have fun with them, even if we*

*just stay home; otherwise when we do go out we usually go eat out or to the mall just to hang out together.*

*I also have other friends and a group I participate in games with weekly.*

*I also really enjoy baking: I usually bake with my sister or with my friends, I see it as a bonding activity. I also like cooking and baking alone, I consider it a form of art as well.*

*Last but not least, I love traveling and discovering new places and realities that are totally different from the ones I'm in every day. It's not always easy to change my routine, but I do love to learn about different cultures and I think that a little (or big) change can't hurt when you get something so wonderful in return.*

*I think there is always something to learn from others, so, after this journey, I know I will be richer thanks to you and to everyone I'll meet there.*

*I'm very determined to pursue this experience abroad, it's a bit scary but I'm sure that I will enjoy it very much.*

*I wish I'll feel part of your family and you'll be proud of me as your "temporary child", as I would like that this experience won't be just great for me, but also for you.*

*See you soon,*

*Sara Sam*